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Testimony presented to THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF RAISED  
BILL HB-6034 AN ACT AUTHORIZING BOW AND ARROW HUNTING ON CERTAIN  
PRIVATE PROPERTY ON SUNDAYS.

Senator Kennedy  
Representative Albis  
Members of the Committee

My name is Tip Garritt and I represent the Connecticut Trappers Association , an association of some 200 members. The CTA wholeheartedly supports raised HB-6034, an act authorizing bow and arrow hunting on certain private property on Sundays. We know that DEEP needs every option available to successfully manage the deer population in Connecticut . You have heard this many times. IT IS TRUE.

There are 13 deer management zones in Connecticut. Only 2 of these zones do not have excess populations. The remaining 8 zones, which include 136 towns out of 169 have an overabundant deer population. Obviously, more deer hunting days will help to resolve this problem.

Deer hunting with a bow is safe, it does not jeopardize public safety.

Bow hunting does not limit other outdoor activities on private land, because landowners determine what recreational pursuits will occur on their property.

No Sunday deer hunting is the last of the Connecticut blue laws. Why should the deer hunting segment of the population be discriminated against? 42 states presently allow deer hunting on Sunday. Must Connecticut always be last?

In summary, it is high time that Sunday deer hunting on private property with a bow and arrow be legalized in Connecticut.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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